SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated as an emergency appropriation to the Office of Special Counsel, an independent unit within the Executive Branch, from any funds in the General Fund Surplus Account of the Treasury of the State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, for the payment of the costs incurred in organizing and operating the Office of Special Counsel. Any unexpended balance of this appropriation as of June 30, 1985 may not revert to the general treasury of the State and shall be available for expenditure during fiscal year 1986.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Treasurer of the State shall, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, disburse the said sum of money herein appropriated to the Office of Special Counsel to be expended for purposes herein specified.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 28, 1985.